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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for producing beta-glucan-containing products comprising heating beta-glucan-containing cereal grain above about 60 degrees C in the presence of greater than about 50% water by weight followed by drying. The invention further relates to a beta-glucan-containing processed cereal grain product which when mixed with water at moderate temperatures (such as 0 to 55 degrees C) releases at least 60% of the beta glucan into the water, the beta-glucan so released has a very high molecular weight (such as 100,000 Daltons) and/or a specific viscosity greater than 0.5% about 2.0 cSt at a concentration of 0.5%.

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